AFFIDAVIT

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM }
STATE OF ALABAMA } ss:

I, Donald F. Wood, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I reside at 405 Lance Lane, Birmingham, Alabama, and am employed by my father, Robert E. Wood, Sr., at his store, Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, as a salesman.

2. On Friday, March 29, 1968, in the early afternoon I observed Mr. U. L. Baker, also a salesman at the Aeromarine Supply Company, completing the sale of a rifle to an individual unknown to me. The purchaser had given his name as Harvey Lowmeyer. He purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 Winchester with a Redfield scope mounted thereon, and 20 rounds of .243 ammunition.

3. Either later that afternoon or early the following morning (Saturday) someone identifying himself as Lowmeyer called on the telephone and stated that he had had a conversation with his brother and had decided that he wished to exchange the rifle he had purchased for a Remington Model 760, 30.06 caliber. I agreed to make this exchange at additional cost.

4. At approximately 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, 1968, the same individual returned to the store with the gun he had previously purchased. I told him that I would change the scope from the caliber .243 rifle to the

model 760, but that it would take me until approximately 3:00 in the afternoon.

5. He returned that afternoon and I gave him the model 760 gun with the scope mounted on it. The serial number of the gun was 461476, and a copy of the sales invoice is attached to this affidavit as Exhibit I. I also exchanged the box of .243 caliber ammunition for a box of 30.06 ammunition. I did not charge him the additional amount as anticipated because the base and rings used for mounting the scope on the second gun were less expensive and made up the difference. The purchaser left the store carrying the gun in a cardboard box utilized by the Browning Manufacturing Company. This box was given to him because, with the scope mounted on it, the rifle would not fit in the normal Remington box.

6. On April 16, 1968, I was visited by two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and shown photographs of seven white males. After viewing the group of photographs, which were identified to me only by number, and after careful consideration, I selected the photograph which had been marked No. 5 (attached to this affidavit as Exhibit II) as the man to whom the rifle was sold on March 29, 1968, and who returned it to me on March 30, 1968, in exchange for a Remington Model 760. At that time I advised the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as follows: "I can't say exactly at this time but I think this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun."

7. Upon examining the photograph again today I reaffirm the statement I made on April 16, 1968, to the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DONALD F. WOOD

Sworn to before me this

_____day of June, 1968.

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